

BLM Supplemental Aircraft Acquisition

During fire season, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) exclusive use aircraft will be activated and mobilized to meet the BLMs fire needs to the extent possible. When exclusive use aircraft cannot meet all demands, supplemental aircraft will be requested and acquired using the following procedures.

Fire Aircraft Needed Immediately for Initial Attack

When a BLM Field Office has an immediate need for additional aircraft to meet initial attack demands, they will:

1. Obtain Bureau or cooperator aircraft from adjacent units under existing mutual aid agreements.
2. Coordinate with BLM State Office to obtain the BLM exclusive use aircraft from other locations with the state.
3. Hire Call When Needed (CWN)/Rental aircraft available locally.

Fire Aircraft Needed to Fill Large Fire Orders

Aircraft will be obtained through normal dispatch procedures. BLM exclusive use aircraft are initial attack resources. Assignment of these aircraft to ongoing large fires will be the exception, and must be made after consultation with the appropriate State Fire Management Officer (FMO). State FMOs will remain informed on the national situation, and will consult with Fire and Aviation's National Aviation Office and/or the Division of Fire Operations on assignment of BLM exclusive use aircraft to ongoing large fires.

Fire Aircraft Needed to Meet Severity or Multiple Fire Needs

1. Field Offices will submit fire supplemental aircraft requests to their respective State Office.
2. State Offices will consolidate and adjudicate statewide aircraft needs. Statewide needs will be met with existing aircraft within the state whenever possible.
3. When State Offices determine that supplemental aircraft are needed, they will submit a severity or other funding request to Fire and Aviation as outlined in *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.
4. Statewide supplemental aircraft requests will be consolidated and listed as State Office resources on any statewide request.
5. Fire and Aviation will consolidate and adjudicate all State Office supplemental aircraft requests and determine the number/type/configuration of aircraft needed to meet current bureau needs, procure them in the most expeditious and cost-effective manner; and allocate/reallocate them to the BLM states.
6. All BLM severity aircraft will be procured using the same severity code.

Aviation Related Severity Request

1. States will consolidate and forward requests for aviation-related severity to the National Office through established procedures outlined in *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.
2. The National Office will adjudicate and authorize state acquisition of aviation resources and will provide appropriate charge codes.

3. Once authorized and acquired, all the BLM severity funded aviation resources will be considered national resources subject to allocation/reallocation by State FMOs within their states, and by the National Office on an interstate basis. This includes aviation personnel such as Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Managers and Air Tactical Group Supervisors.

Flight Use Reporting

1. State Offices are responsible for daily reporting of flight hours to the National Aviation Office.